ON THEIR CEASELESS SEARCH FOR A PASSAGE OUT OF LOST VALLEY, TUROK AND ANDAR HEAR A DISTANT, MOUNTING RUMBLE THAT WARNS OF...

HONKERS, TUROK! COMING THIS WAY!

IT SOUNDS LIKE MANY, ANDAR! READY YOUR POISON ARROWS AND...

TUROK! DO MY EYES PLAY TRICKS ON ME?

NO! I SEE THE SAME AS YOU DO...

TUROK SON OF STONE

ESCAPE TO DOOM

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...CAVEMEN... ASTRIDE THE HONKERS!

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HOW IS SUCH A THING POSSIBLE?
SAVE YOUR QUESTIONS, ANDAR! RIGHT NOW, WE MUST...
...PROTECT OURSELVES!
ARUUUNK!
SWIFTLY THE ATTACK CRUMBLES UNDER A HAIL OF DEADLY SHAFTS...
RUUUUNK!
GREEUUUNK!
THEY ARE FLEEING! WE HAVE BEATEN THEM, TUROK!
BUT THE BATTLE IS ONLY HALF-WON...
...FOR THERE ARE QUESTIONS WHICH REMAIN UNANSWERED!

YIIII!
NO HURT ME! PLEASE!
A STRANGE PLEA FROM ONE WHO SOUGHT TO KILL ME!
STILL, I WILL SPARE YOU--
--IF YOU WILL LEAD US TO YOUR TRIBE!
I OBEY... YOU FOLLOW!
TUROK-- DO WE NOT LOSE PRECIOUS TIME?
NO, ANDAR... THESE PRIMITIVE CAVEMEN, ABLE TO TAME HONKERS, COULD BE OF HELP TO US!
SOON...
BY THE GREAT MYSTERY! THESE "PRIMITIVE" PEOPLE LIVE IN TEPEES!
YES-- LIKE THE TEPEES OF OUR OWN TRIBE!

THEY HAVE EVEN DISCOVERED HOW TO MAKE FIRE-- AND TO COOK!
ANDAR... SOMEONE HAD TO TEACH THEM! SOMEONE FROM OUR LAND!

SO--! I AM NOT THE ONLY OUTSIDER IN THIS VALLEY!

YOU WEAR THE CLOTHES OF MY TRIBE-- SPEAK THE SAME TONGUE... WHO ARE YOU?
INSOLENT BRAVE! HERE, IT IS I WHO RULE -- I WHO ASK QUESTIONS!

YOUR FACE... THOUGH LINED WITH THE PASSAGE OF MANY MOONS, IT STIRS A MEMORY!
YES... THE MEMORY OF AN EVIL MEDICINE MAN-- NAMED MALGI!
YOU REMEMBER TOO WELL, STRANGER!

HOW COULD I FORGET? YOUR TREACHERY IS A TRIBAL LEGEND!
EVEN TODAY, YOUR NAME INSPIRES ANGER AMONG OUR PEOPLE!

"I WAS A MERE FLEDGLING WHEN YOU STOOD BEFORE OUR TRIBE TO RECEIVE THE ELDERS' JUDGMENT..."
TO OVERTHROW OUR CHIEFTAINS, MALGI, YOU HAVE SPREAD LIES AND DECEIT--CHEATED AND ROBBED--EVEN ATTEMPTED MURDER!

FOR SUCH MISDEEDS, THERE IS BUT ONE PUNISHMENT!
YOU ARE FOREVER BANISHED FROM OUR TRIBAL LANDS!

"HOW FEARFUL YOUR REPLY SOUNDED TO MY YOUNG EARS..."
HEAR ME WELL, BROTHERS! YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THE LAST OF MALGI!
ONE DAY I SHALL RETURN ...AND THEN YOU SHALL TASTE MY VENGEANCE!

BUT YOU VANISHED FOREVER! YOUR VOW WAS EMPTY!
EMPTY? PERHAPS! BUT HEAR THE REST OF MY TALE...

"TRUE, I WAS AN OUTCAST, SHUNNED BY FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE..."
ALL I ASK IS A BIT OF FOOD!
WE WILL FEED YOU, MALGI--THEN YOU MUST GO! YOU ARE NOT WELCOME IN OUR TRIBE!

"AS I WANDERED AIMLESSLY, MY BITTERNESS GREW..."
THEY SHALL ALL SUFFER!
ONE DAY, EVERY TRIBE IN THE LAND WILL BOW BEFORE MALGI!
THEN WILL THEY KNOW THE MEANING OF CRUELTY!

BUT HOW--? HOW CAN I, A LONE MEDICINE MAN, CHALLENGE THE MIGHT OF A WHOLE NATION?

"IT WAS THEN THAT I SPIED IT..."
A CAVERN-- CONCEALED AMID THE PEAKS!

"DRIVEN BY CURIOSITY, I ENTERED A DARK PASSAGEWAY, WHICH TRAVELED DISTANT AND DEEP..."
IT SEEMS ENDLESS.. PERHAPS I HAD BETTER TURN BACK!
NO... I MUST SEE WHERE IT LEADS!

"AT LAST I GOT MY ANSWER..."
A STRANGE WORLD-- INHABITED BY FEARSOME CREATURES!

THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND-- LIVING IN CAVES-- HUNTING WITH CRUDE, STONE WEAPONS ...THEY ARE LITTLE BETTER THAN THE ANIMALS!
IF I COULD TEACH THESE PRIMITIVE BEINGS THE WAYS OF MY WORLD, THEY WOULD BE FOREVER BEHOLDEN TO ME!
"MY NEW FRIENDS SWIFTLY LEARNED HOW TO BUILD FIRES--
"--AND TO ERECT TEPEES...
"IT TOOK THEM FAR LONGER TO GAIN CONTROL OVER THE STRANGE, HONKING BEASTS..."

EVENTUALLY THEY MASTERED THE SKILLS OF OUR FOREFATHERS, TUROK!
IN GRATITUDE, THEY MADE ME THEIR LEADER!

AND THE CAVE LEADING TO OUR WORLD... DOES IT STILL EXIST?
CAN YOU SHOW IT TO US?
WHY NOT? FOLLOW ME!

I CANNOT BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING!
IMAGINE... SOON WE WILL BE GONE FROM THIS ACCURSED VALLEY!
I AM NOT SO SURE, ANDAR!

NOT SURE? WHY, TUROK?
MALGI IS SLY--TREACHEROUS ...AND I CAN THINK OF MANY REASONS WHY HE WOULD NOT WANT US TO LEAVE!

SOON...
WE WILL NEED TORCHES TO LIGHT OUR WAY!

THIS CAVE MUST LEAD OUT OF THE VALLEY--FOR MALGI HAS NO REASON TO LIE!
TRUE... AND YET I AM TROUBLED BY SOMETHING IN HIS TALE -- SOMETHING I CANNOT QUITE RECALL!

EHH-?

WHOOSH
YIIII!
WHOOSH-H

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND... WHAT -- WHAT HAPPENED?
SSSSSSS
BEWARE THE STRANGE GASES WHICH LURK BELOW!

SSSSSSS
THE GROUND RELEASES THEM LIKE STEAMING WATER! THOUGH HARMLESS BY THEMSELVES, THE TINIEST SPARK CAN SET THEM ABLAZE!

GASES THAT BURN.. I WOULD NOT BELIEVE IT, HAD I NOT SEEN IT!
THERE ARE OTHER THINGS ABOUT THIS PLACE WHICH I CANNOT BELIEVE!
SSSSSS

MALGI-- DID YOU NOT SAY THAT THIS CAVE WAS SO SMALL, YOU COULD BARELY CRAWL THROUGH?
YES-- THAT WAS SO!

YET NOW IT IS VAST-- AND NOT BY ACCIDENT..

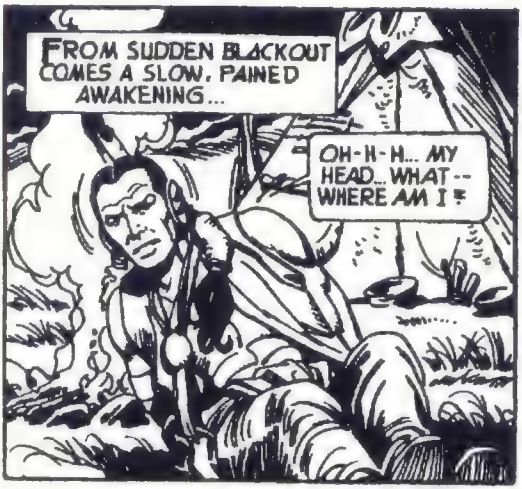
...FOR ALL ABOUT, THERE IS BROKEN ROCK-- THE RESULT OF ENORMOUS DIGGING!

YOU ENLARGED THIS CAVE!
HOW, MALGI? TO WHAT PURPOSE?
THAT IS FOR ME TO KNOW!

I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS, MALGI. BUT THEY MATTER NOT.!
ANDAR AND I WISH ONLY TO RETURN TO OUR WORLD.!

I ADVISE YOU TO COME WITH US, MALGI--FOR ONCE WE ARE OUT OF HERE, I WILL HAVE THIS TUNNEL SEALED FOREVER.!
STOP THEM.!

OOOF!
UNHH-!
THWAP!
WHAMM

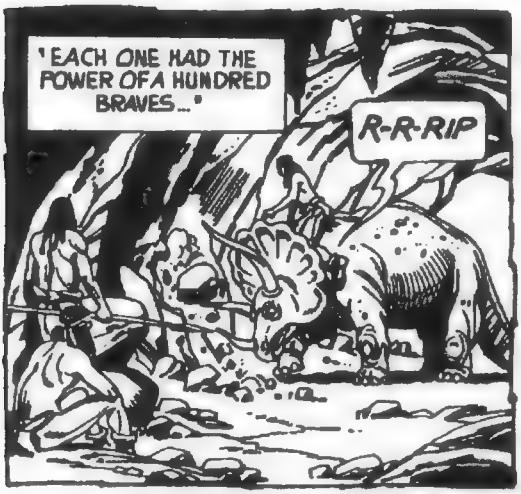

FROM SUDDEN BLACKOUT COMES A SLOW, PAINED AWAKENING...
OH-H-H... MY HEAD... WHAT -- WHERE AM I?

YOU ARE MY PRISONERS, TUROK!

SO EAGER WAS I TO ESCAPE, I WAS THOUGHTLESS!
EXACTLY, TUROK...
THE ENLARGED CAVE... IT IS PART OF A VAST PLAN. IS IT NOT?

TAMING THE BEASTS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF MY SCHEME! ONCE IN CONTROL OF THEM --

"-- I PUT THEIR AWESOME STRENGTH TO WORK FOR ME..."
KREEEUNTCH


"EACH ONE HAD THE POWER OF A HUNDRED BRAVES..."
R-R-RIP

AFTER MANY, MANY MOONS, IT TOOK SHAPE --MY TUNNEL OF VENGEANCE!
T- TUNNEL OF V-VENGEANCE?
THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT IT WILL BE, ANDAR...

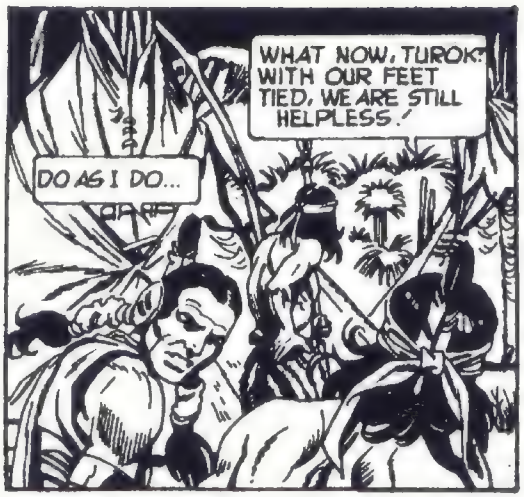
"IMAGINE AN ARMY OF HONKERS MARCHING THROUGH THE TUNNEL--

"--AND EMERGING UPON OUR TRIBAL LANDS..."

"AGAINST SUCH A POWER, OUR PEOPLE WILL BE HELPLESS..."

"IN THE END, THERE WILL BE BUT ONE SOLUTION..."
UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER! THAT IS MY PRICE FOR PEACE!
HEREAFTER, MALGI SHALL BE YOUR CHIEFTAIN!
MALGI SHALL MAKE THE LAWS-- DISPENSE PUNISHMENT-- EXACT TRIBUTE!
IS THAT NOT YOUR PLAN, MALGI?
YOU HAVE FORESEEN MY EVERY MOVE, TUROK!
EVEN NOW, WE MAKE READY TO MARCH...
... AND THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN STOP US!
BUT TAKE HEART.. HA-HA...FOR AFTER MY CONQUEST, I WILL GLADLY SET YOU FREE...HA-HA-HA!
WE MUST GET OUT OF HERE, ANDAR... NOT ONLY FOR OURSELVES. BUT TO STOP MALGI!
BUT HOW, TUROK? IF WE MOVE, HIS GUARDS WILL POUNCE!

LOOK BEHIND YOU, ANDAR, AT THE FIRE!
THERE IS A STRONG BREEZE TONIGHT--
--CAUSING EMBERS TO FLY! MOVE YOUR ARMS, EVER SO GENTLY...
KRAK
SNAPP
...TO CATCH THE SPARKS ON YOUR BONDS!
SZZZZ
BUT I CAN BARELY SEE THE SPARKS. IT WILL TAKE SO MUCH TIME!
TIME IS OUR ONLY ALLY... WE MUST TREAT IT WITH PATIENCE!
HOURS LATER, WITH THE FIRST GLIMMER OF SUNRISE...
MY HANDS ARE FREE!
MINE WILL BE, TOO, IN ANOTHER MOMENT!


WHAT NOW, TUROK? WITH OUR FEET TIED, WE ARE STILL HELPLESS!
DO AS I DO...

...BEND YOUR KNEES SLOWLY! WHEN I GIVE THE WORD...

...SPRING!
HUH--?

OOOF!
THUD

RRRWHAMM

SWIFTLY, ANDAR ..NOW, TIME BECOMES OUR ENEMY!

HY-YEEEEEE...
AS I FEARED-- OTHERS HAVE SEEN US!

TUROK! WITHOUT OUR ARROWS, WE ARE HELPLESS!
MAYBE NOT, ANDAR...

A ROCK? AGAINST A HONKER?
NOT AGAINST THE HONKER!

...AGAINST THE RIDER!
PUWHUNK

AS I HOPED... THE HONKER IS LIKE MANY TAMED BEASTS! ONCE IT LOSES ITS MASTER, IT FLEES IN PANIC!
HUUUNK!
GREUUUNK!

AND WE MUST ALSO FLEE... TO THE CAVE-- TO FREEDOM— TO OUR HOME!

BUT EVEN AS THE FRIENDS MAKE SWIFT TRACKS..
MASTER.. PRISONERS ESCAPE!
WHAT??

SUMMON THE WARRIORS! READY THE BEASTS! WE MOVE AT ONCE!
YES, MASTER!

MEANWHILE, AT THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE...
AHEAD LIES A LONG, DARK TREK ...WE WILL NEED MANY TORCHES!

YOU WASTE YOUR TIME, TUROK!
OH NO--! MALGI--AND HIS WARRIOR HONKERS!

YOU ESCAPED CLEVERLY—OVERCAME MY SENTRIES—EVEN DEFEATED A BEAST WITHOUT WEAPONS!
BUT WHAT NOW, TUROK? CAN TWO MEN BATTLE A WHOLE ARMY?

THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR...WE CAN EASILY OUTRUN THOSE LUMBERING HONKERS!
I KNOW, ANDAR...

...BUT I AM STILL TROUBLED!
WHY, TUROK? I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE HAPPY TO LEAVE THE LOST VALLEY!

TRUE, WE ARE ESCAPING... BUT SO IS MALGI -- TO WREAK HAVOC UPON OUR PEOPLE!
I--I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!

PERHAPS, BACK IN OUR WORLD, WE CAN FIND A WAY TO FOIL MALGI!
THERE WILL BE NO TIME!

TUROK! WHY HAVE YOU HALTED?
I CANNOT GO ON.. NOT UNTIL WE HAVE THWARTED THE EVIL MEDICINE MAN!

NO, TUROK! OUR FIRST TASK IS TO ESCAPE!
WRONG, ANDAR! THAT "ARMY" MUST BE STOPPED -- EVEN IF IT MEANS REMAINING HERE FOR THE REST OF OUR...

THERE IS OUR ANSWER ...THE FIRE GASES! HURRY, ANDAR!
YOU HEAD BACK TO LOST VALLEY! WHY?
SSSSS

HO--! HAVE YOU RETURNED TO SURRENDER, TUROK?
NO, MALGI...
...TO FIGHT BACK!
WHIZZZ
SSSSSS
KWHOOOM
BOOM
FWHROOOM
KWHHROOOOM-M-M-M

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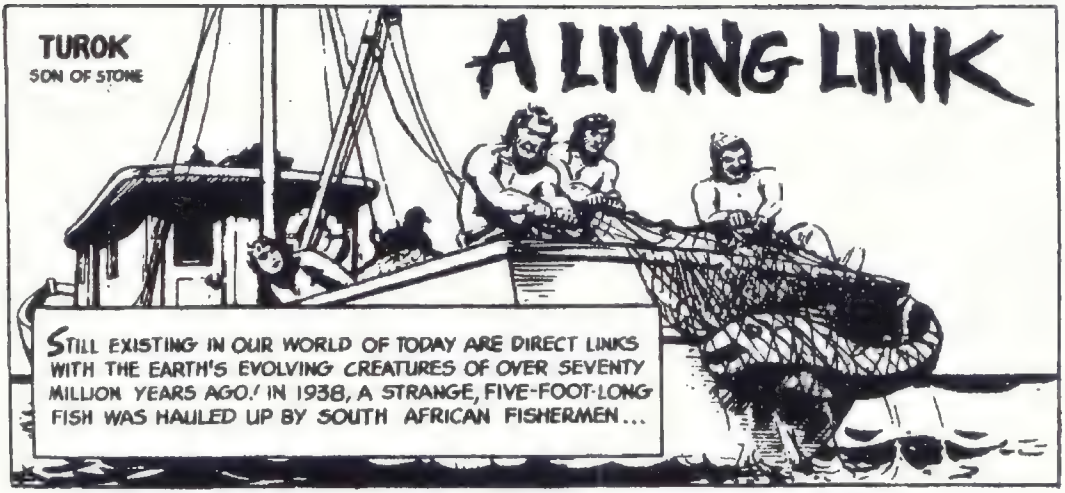
TUROK
SON OF STONE

A LIVING LINK

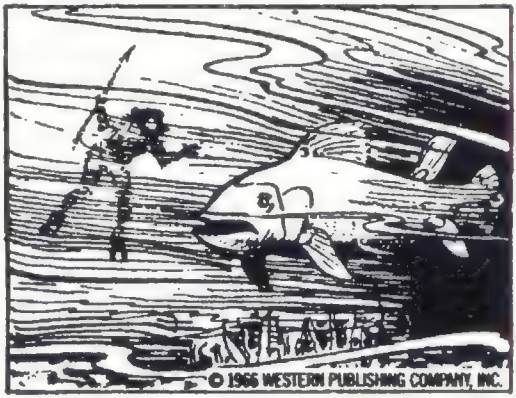


THE MULTI-FINNED FISH SNAPPED ANGRILY WITH ITS LARGE JAGGED TEETH UNTIL IT DIED A FEW HOURS LATER! NO ONE HAD EVER SEEN SUCH A SPECIMEN...

MARINE BIOLOGISTS IDENTIFIED IT AS A COELACANTH--KNOWN TILL THEN ONLY BY ITS FOSSIL REMAINS AND BELIEVED TO HAVE BECOME EXTINCT SEVENTY MILLION YEARS AGO!

A MEMBER OF THE CROSSOPTERYGIAN ORDER OF FISHES, ITS ANCESTORS HAD CRAWLED ASHORE ON FINS CONVERTED INTO FEEBLE FEET SOME THREE HUNDRED MILLION YEARS BACK...

WAS THAT DISCOVERY A FANTASTIC ACCIDENT? IN 1952, ANOTHER COELACANTH WAS CAUGHT! SINCE THEN, MORE HAVE BEEN SPOTTED--LIVING LINKS TO EVOLUTION'S DISTANT PAST!



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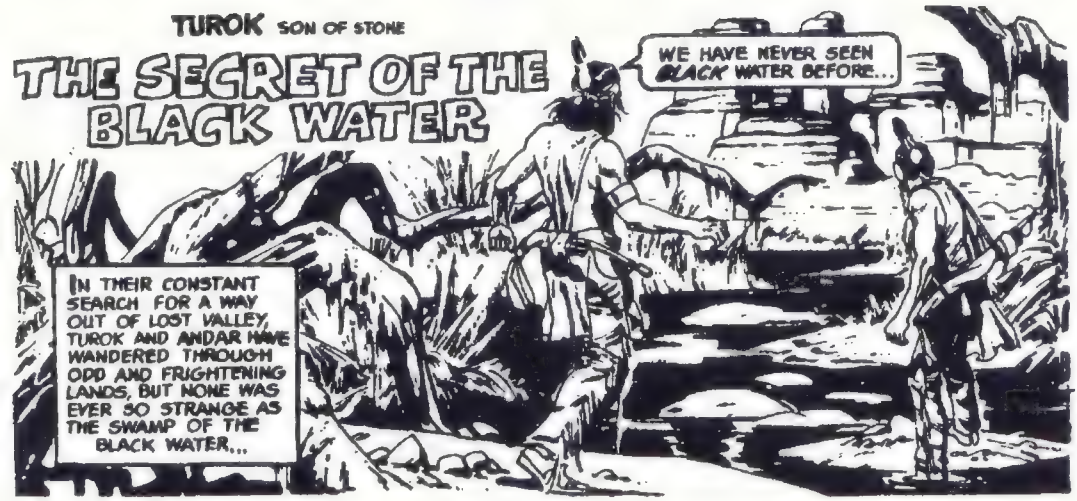
THE SECRET OF THE BLACK WATER



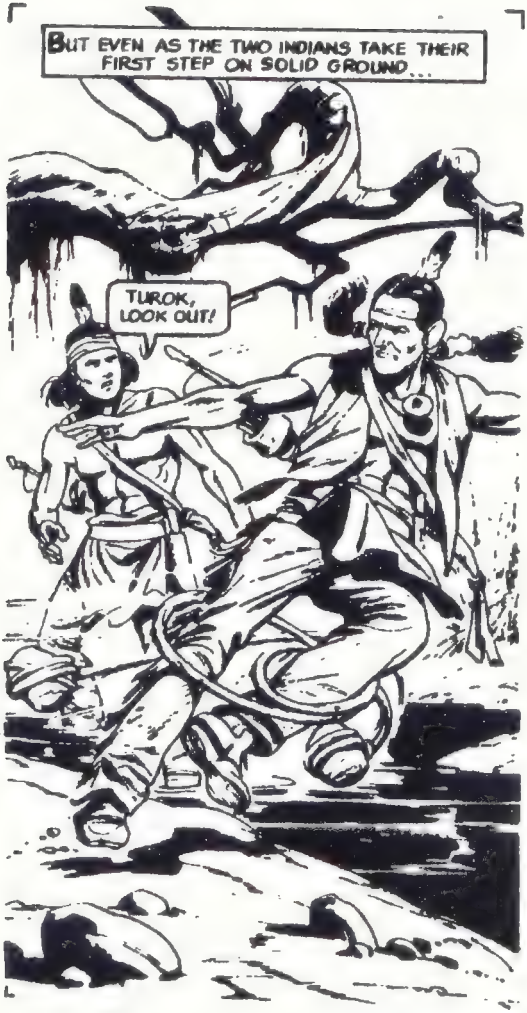
THERE! NOW WE HUNT HILL MEN, WHO COME OUR WAY!

MINUTES LATER, THE AMBUSHERS SPRING...
GET HIM!

CA-CANNOT HOLD...
NO! NEVER HOLD US! NOT WHEN WE USE MAGIC BLACK WATER ON BODY!

THERE! HIM STRANGER! LET HILL PEOPLE KNOW, BY THE BLACK WATER --WE KILL ALL STRANGERS!
OWW!

MEANWHILE...
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EASIER--AND PLEASANTER TO HAVE TAKEN A BIG DETOUR AROUND THIS BLACK, STICKY WATER!
I AGREE WITH YOU NOW, ANDAR, BUT WE ARE ALMOST OUT AND SAFE!


BUT EVEN AS THE TWO INDIANS TAKE THEIR FIRST STEP ON SOLID GROUND...
TUROK, LOOK OUT!

WHAT IS IT...
READY YOUR BOW! LOOK FOR THE THROWER!

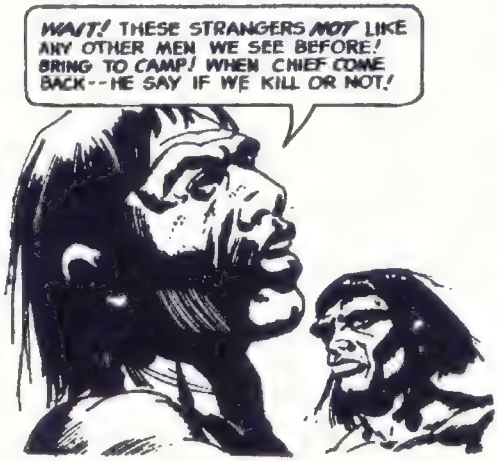
BEFORE ANDAR CAN REACH FOR HIS QUIVER, THERE IS A WHIRRING SOUND AND SUDDENLY...
M-MY ARMS ...PINNED!

THERE THEY ARE!
IF I CAN JUST GET THIS OFF ME!

NOT UNTIE!
HIM STRANGER! HERE STRANGERS --DIE!

NO USE... CANNOT GET A GRIP ON THESE MEN!

HAVE HIM! HOLD TIGHT!
WE KILL THAT ONE FIRST!


WAIT! THESE STRANGERS NOT LIKE ANY OTHER MEN WE SEE BEFORE! BRING TO CAMP! WHEN CHIEF COME BACK--HE SAY IF WE KILL OR NOT!

SOON...
HERE! EAT!
THANKS! BUT WE WILL COOK OUR FOOD!

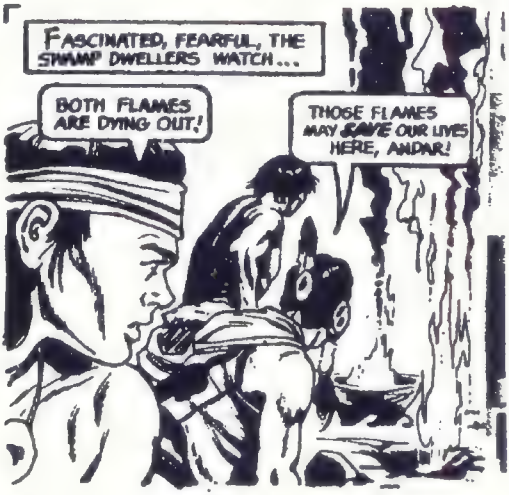
AS THE MYSTIFIED TRIBESMEN LOOK ON, TUROK STRIKES HIS FLINTS...
WHY HIT STONE WITH STONE?
IN A MOMENT YOU WILL SEE! WATCH!

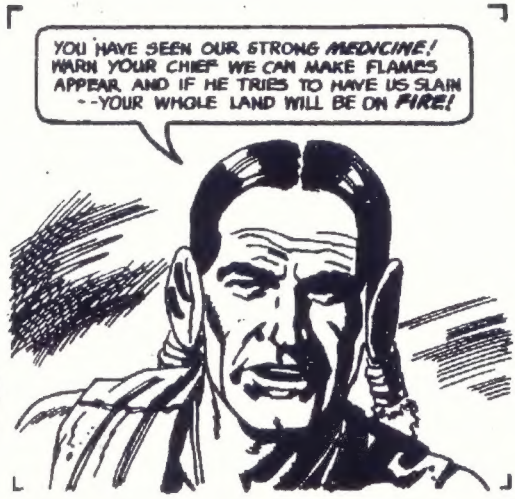
THEN, THE ASTOUNDED SWAMP MEN GAPE...

BUT AN INSTANT LATER, IT IS TUROK WHO IS ASTOUNDED...
TUROK, GET BACK! THE AMP IS ON FIRE THERE!

WH-WHAT MAKES THE AIR BURN?
I DO NOT KNOW, ANDAR! IT IS SOMETHING THAT COMES FROM THAT HOLE IN THE GROUND—A FOUL-SMELLING OPENING AT THAT!

THEN, SUDDENLY, A BOWL OF THE BLACK WATER BY THE FLAME FLARES...
TH-THEM MAKE BLACK WATER LIGHT UP, TOO!


FASCINATED, FEARFUL, THE SWAMP DWELLERS WATCH...
BOTH FLAMES ARE DYING OUT!
THOSE FLAMES MAY SAVE OUR LIVES HERE, ANDAR!


YOU HAVE SEEN OUR STRONG MEDICINE! WARN YOUR CHIEF WE CAN MAKE FLAMES APPEAR, AND IF HE TRIES TO HAVE US SLAIN --YOUR WHOLE LAND WILL BE ON FIRE!

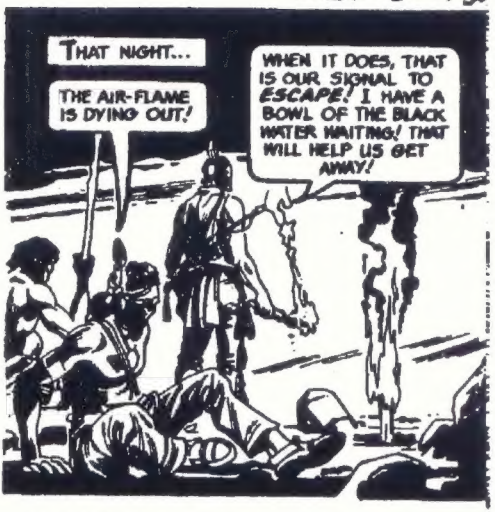
SOON...
KALOG BE CHIEF! MY PEOPLE SAY YOU HAVE STRONG MEDICINE! SHOW! IF HAVE NONE-- DIE!

LIGHTING A SMALL TORCH, TUROK AND ANDAR CHECK THE GROUND...
THE AIR FROM THE LAST HOLE BURNED OUT! LOOK FOR A NEW HOLE!
BUT NOW DO WE KNOW WHICH HOLE WILL TURN ITS AIR INTO FIRE?

IT GAVE OFF A FUNNY ODOR--YES! THIS HOLE MAY WORK!
IF YOU WRONG-- YOU BE KILLED!

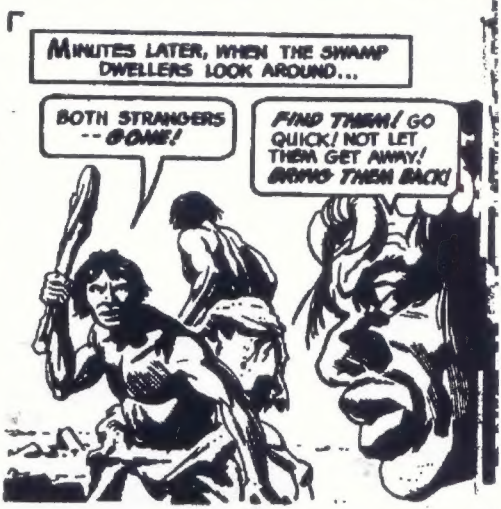
IF NO FLAME SPURTS UP, WE BETTER TRY TO FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE!
BEHOLD OUR GREAT MEDICINE!

YOUR MAGIC STRONG! NOT KILL YOU! KEEP YOU HERE TO HELP WHEN WE NEED POWERFUL MEDICINE!
WHOOOSH!


THAT NIGHT...
THE AIR-FLAME IS DYING OUT!
WHEN IT DOES, THAT IS OUR SIGNAL TO ESCAPE! I HAVE A BOWL OF THE BLACK WATER WAITING! THAT WILL HELP US GET AWAY!

MINUTES LATER, AS THE FLAME FADES...
LET US MAKE FIRE AGAIN! WATCH!

M-MY EYES...
NOT ABLE SEE!


MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE SWAMP DWELLERS LOOK AROUND...
BOTH STRANGERS -- GONE!
FIND THEM! GO QUICK! NOT LET THEM GET AWAY! BRING THEM BACK!

AT THE EDGE OF THE SWAMP...
THEY ARE STARTING TO LOOK FOR US! IF THEY SEE THE TORCH!
WITHOUT ITS LIGHT, WE WILL NEVER FIND OUR WAY AROUND THE SWAMP! I AM SHIELDING IT! KEEP LOW!
BUT NEARBY, A HUGE HONKER ROARS A DEFIANT CHALLENGE AT HIS DISTURBERS...
REEUUUNK!
THE HONKER HAS SEEN US!
AND HIS BELLOWING WILL TELL THE SWAMP MEN WHERE WE ARE, TOO!
MAYBE THE TORCH'S FLAME WILL SCARE HIM OFF!
BUT AS THE TORCH STRIKES THE TOWERING MONSTER'S OIL-SOAKED SKIN, SUDDENLY...
TUROK, THAT SET THE HONKER ON FIRE!

THE BLACK WATER THAT STUCK TO HIM IS BURNING!
AS THE BURNING MONSTER PLODS ON IN THE SWAMP, ITS FLAMES LIGHT THE OIL POOLS AROUND IT...
IN A MOMENT, THE SWAMP FLARES INTO LEAPING FLAMES...
BACK! BACK! BLACK WATER HOT NOW! RUN!
TUROK, DO YOU SEE--
THEY ARE RETREATING! NOW IS OUR CHANCE TO REACH HIGH, DRY GROUND! THIS WAY, ANDAR! QUICKLY!
NEXT MORNING...
WILL THIS BLACK WATER EVER COME OFF?
DO NOT BE ANGRY WITH THE BLACK WATER, ANDAR! BUT FOR IT, WE WOULD STILL BE THE SWAMP DWELLERS' PRISONERS!
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